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1. REFTEL DESCRIBED ACTIVITY OF INMARSAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF CYRIL VAHTRICK, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER, OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION - AUSTRALIA (OTC-A) FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF PANEL CHARGED WITH EXAMINATION OF ORGANIZATION MATTERS. THIRD MEETING OF ORGANIZATION PANEL WILL BE HELD IN KUWAIT, FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 2, 1978. IN CONNECTION WITH AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING, CONGEN IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER TO VAHTRICK FOLLOWING LETTER:

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DEAR CYRIL:

WE HAVE BEEN REVIEWING THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED AT THE FIRST TWO MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL PANEL AS WELL AS THE WORK THAT LIES AHEAD. IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW WE HAVE HAD SOME THOUGHTS CONCERNING HOW WE MIGHT USE THE TIME AT THE NEXT TWO PANEL MEETINGS TO BEST ADVANTAGE, AND I WOULD

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LIKE TO SHARE THOSE THOUGHTS WITH YOU.

WITH RESPECT TO THE BROAD SUBJECT OF MANAGEMENT ARRANGE-
MENTS, I THINK WE ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT THAT SOUND MANAGE-
MENT ARRANGEMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO HAVE AN

EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN
MADE ON THE VARIOUS FACETS OF THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER, WE
BELIEVE THAT SIGNIFICANT FURTHER PROGRESS ON MANAGEMENT
ARRANGEMENTS IS LARGELY DEPENDENT ON HAVING MAXIMUM
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FOLLOW-ON SYSTEM FOR MARISAT
AND THE POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INMARSAT TO TAKE OVER
THAT SYSTEM. SINCE IT APPEARS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT
DEFINITIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING A FOLLOW-ON SYSTEM WILL
BE AVAILABLE BY FEBRUARY, IT SEEMS TO US THAT IT MIGHT
ADVANCE THE PANEL'S WORK TO LEAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF
MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL THE FOURTH MEETING, AT WHICH
TIME FAR GREATER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FOLLOW-ON
SYSTEM SHOULD BE BEFORE US.

IT ALSO SEEMS TO US THAT THE STATUS OF THE REST OF THE
PANEL'S WORK SUPPORTS POSTPONING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF
MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS. THERE ARE MATTERS WHICH THE
PANEL HAS NOT YET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER, E.G.,
PROCEDURAL RULES FOR THE COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY; STAFF
REGULATIONS; AND THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING A MANAGEMENT
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SERVICE CONTRACTOR OR CONTRACTORS. IN ADDITION, EACH OF
THE OTHER TASKS ASSIGNED TO THE PANEL REQUIRES FURTHER
CONSIDERATION. SINCE NONE OF THESE MATTERS IS DEPENDENT
ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE FOLLOW-ON SYSTEM QUESTION, IT
WOULD SEEM THAT ALL OF THE TIME OF THE NEXT PANEL MEETING
COULD PROFITABLY BE DEVOTED TO CONSIDERING THESE OTHER
MATTERS AND FINALLY RESOLVING AS MANY OF THEM AS POSSIBLE.
THIS WOULD LEAVE THE BULK OF THE FOURTH SESSION FREE TO
CONCENTRATE ON A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE IMPORTANT
MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS ISSUE WITH THE BENEFIT OF ALL
RELEVANT INFORMATION.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THESE SUGGESTIONS.
IF YOU AGREE WITH THEM, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS WITH
YOU HOW THIS APPROACH COULD BEST BE SUGGESTED TO OTHER
PANEL PARTICIPANTS IN ADVANCE OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

SINCERELY,

ROBERT D. GREENBURG
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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2. VAHTRICK'S ADDRESS IS 32-36 MARTIN PLACE, SYDNEY, TELEPHONE 230-5000. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN OFFERING TO TRANSMIT REPLY TELEGRAPHICALLY, SHOULD VAHTRICK WISH. PLEASE SLUG MESSAGES FOR EB/TD.

3. IN ADDITION TO ORGANIZATION PANEL, INMARSAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED TECHNICAL PANEL, AND ECONOMIC,

MARKETING AND FINANCIAL PANEL. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM OTC-A TO HOST NEXT MEETING OF EACH OF THESE PANELS IN SYDNEY. TECHNICAL PANEL WILL MEET FEBRUARY 15-21, 1978, AND ECONOMIC, MARKETING AND FINANCIAL PANEL WILL MEET FEBRUARY 22-28, 1978. WE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON US PARTICIPATION IN A SUBSEQUENT
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